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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PANAM PROBLEMS

RDF.: STATE 177326

1. PER REF, EMBASSY INFORMED CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (CAA) OF APPROVAL OF JULY 19 EXTRA SECTION FLIGHT AND INDICATED THAT DEPT/CAB IS AWAITING SOLUTION TO PAN AM HOUSING PROBLEM PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF OTHER EXTRA SECTION FLIGHTS. IN THIS REGARD, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER APPROVAL BY CAB FOR JULY 19 WAS FOR ROUND-TRIP FLIGHT (NO-PRAGUE-NY) OR ONLY ONE-WAY. ALSO, PLEASE ADVISE DATES OF REMAINING EXTRA SECTION FLIGHTS REQUESTED BY CSA AND WHETHER APPROVALS, IF GRANTED, WOULD BE FOR ROUND-TRIP OF ONE-WAY.

2. ON JULY 20, PAN AM REP COLLINS HAY ATTENDED MEETING WITH GENERAL PRAVOSLAV KALICKY, DIRECTOR OF CAA, AND TWO MEMBERS OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT. MEETING WAS AT HAY'S REQUEST. KALICKY SAID HE HAS BEEN UNABLE AS YET TO CONVINCE SPRAVA SLUZEK TO MODIFY ITS DEMAND FOR RENT INCREASE ON PAN AM'S HOUSING BUT PLANS TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS. FOLLOWING DAY, CAA INFORMED HAY THAT KALICKY HAD OBTAINED PERMISSION FOR HAY TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH FRANTISEK

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SULC, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SPRAVA, REGARDING RENT INCREASE. SULC, HOWEVER, WENT ON VACATION AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER AUGUST 15.

3. COMMENT: KALICKY'S WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE HAY AND ARRANGE HAY'S MEETING WITH SPRAVA SUGGESTS HIS DESIRE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH PAN AM. SPRAVA,

HOWEVER, APPARENTLY HAS A QUOTA OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE
NEEDS AND MAY WELL REMAIN AS INTRANSIGENT WITH HAY AS
IT HAS BEEN WITH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN PRAGUE
REGARDING NEW RENTAL DEMANDS. ADDITIONALLY, COST
OF LOCAL PAN AM OFFICE WILL ALSO BECOME AN ISSUE WHEN
LEASE EXPIRES AT END OF YEAR. THUS, WHILE KALICKY'S
ATTITUDE IS MILDLY ENCOURAGING, WE DO NOT AS YET SEE
ANYTHING CONCRETE WHICH WOULD WARRANT APPROVAL BY CAB
OF REMAINING EXTRA SECTION FLIGHTS REQUESTED BY CSA.

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